

City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Registration Open for Gaithersburg Summer Camps

Spaces Filling Fast, Register Now

Gaithersburg, MD (April 8, 2021) Registration for Gaithersburg's popular summer camp programs is now open and spaces are filling up fast. They're held at convenient locations throughout the City, including in the Kentlands/Lakelands area and in the heart of Olde Towne. COVID-19 safety protocols according to state and county regulations are in place to provide a safe environment for participants. Visit the City's website for updates. Registrations can be processed online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recxpress or in person by appointment only at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue, next to Gaithersburg High School. Call 301-258-6350 to make an appointment.

Full-day elementary and middle school camps will operate in one-week sessions from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., late June through early August. Extended hours are included in the cost of registration. This summer's offerings also include a mini camp for five and six year olds, and specialty camps and sports clinics for youth and teens.

The primary goal of Gaithersburg Summer Camp programs is to offer a safe and positive environment for campers to develop social and physical skills, self-confidence and to just have fun. To minimize both the possible spread and exposure to COVID-19, camp participants and staff are required to take the following precautions:

- Face masks must be worn indoors at all times, and outdoors when at least 6-feet of physical distance cannot be maintained.
- Campers and staff will not mix groups.
- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing will be required.
- Shared spaces and activity equipment will be cleaned between groups.
- Continual cleaning of high touch areas will occur throughout all of our facilities.
- Daily health screenings of all staff and campers will be taken prior to arrival or during drop off.

Please note, due to the ever changing conditions we are currently experiencing, all matters of this camp season are subject to change. Gaithersburg's Summer Camp programs are licensed by the Maryland Department of Health.

An engaging <u>volunteer</u> is available for youth ages 16 and older to assist in the City's summer programs. Youth must apply and undergo an interview process to be selected as a volunteer. More information is available on the City's website at <u>www.gaithersburgmd.gov</u>.

Payment plans are available for select programs prior to May 31, and City residents who qualify may apply for financial assistance for eligible programs prior to registration. For complete details, explore the camp pages and camp guide on the City's <u>website</u>.

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